

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. A film element (1) for in the form of a hanger label having a hanging strap that is delimited by a punched area and can be pivoted out of or pulled away from a remaining surface of the hanger label, said hanging strap absorbing tensile forces when in use, wherein the film element (1) has at least one film layer with at least one zone of weakening (6a, 6b, 9a, 9b, 13, 15a, 15b, 16) which extends in the direction of action of the tensile forces (F) and reduces local stress peaks under load, this zone being provided in at least one region (A, B, C, D) of the hanging strap which is at risk of tearing under load, said zone of weakening being bordered within the film layer on both sides by unweakened material (7, 10a, 10b, 12a, 12b) in at least one a direction across the direction of action of the tensile forces (F).

Claim 2 (Original): The film element according to claim 1, wherein the film element (1) has at least two film layers (10a, 10b, 12a, 12b).

Claim 3 (Original): The film element according to claim 2, wherein the film layers (10a, 10b, 12a, 12b) are at least partially bonded, welded or sealed to one another.

Claim 4 (Original): The film element according to claim 1, wherein at least one zone of weakening has a longitudinal slot (6a, 6b, 9a, 9b).

Claim 5 (Original): The film element according to claim 4, wherein the longitudinal slot (9a, 9b) passes through only one film layer (10a, 10b).

Claim 6 (Original): The film element according to claim 5, wherein the film element has a plurality of longitudinal slots (9a, 9b) that are offset in relation to one another in different film layers (10a, 10b).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A film element in the form of a hanger label having a hanging strap that is delimited by a punched area and can be pivoted out of or pulled away from a remaining surface of the hanger label, said hanging strap absorbing tensile forces when in use, wherein the film element has at least two film layers with at least one zone of weakening which extends in the direction of action of the tensile forces

(F) and reduces local stress peaks under load, this zone being provided in at least one region of the hanging strap which is at risk of tearing under load, The film element according to claim 2, wherein at least one said zone of weakening has a separation aid (13, 15a, 15b, 16, 17) between two adjacent film layers, which can produce local at least partial force separation ~~of~~ between said two adjacent film layers (12a, 12b).

Claim 8 (Original): The film element according to claim 7, wherein the film element (1) has at least one adhesive layer (11) that covers all or part of the area and joins two film layers (10a, 10b, 12a, 12b) together, and the separations aid is designed as a means (13, 15a, 15b, 16, 17) for locally reducing the adhesive force between the film layers (12a, 12b).

Claim 9 (Original): The film element according to Claim 8, wherein the means for a local reduction in the adhesive force include at least one of the following:

- local interruption (15a, 15b) in the adhesive layer (11),
- locally reduced crosslinking of the adhesive layer (11),
- within the adhesive layer (11), local arrangement of an

adhesive (16) having a lower adhesive power per unit of area than the surrounding adhesive layer (11),

- neutralization of the adhesive introduced locally,
- a surface (17) treated to reduce the adhesive power locally on at least one film layer (12b) which is adjacent to the adhesive layer (11).

Claim 10 (Original): The film element according to Claim 7, wherein the separation aid is designed as an intermediate layer (13) of a greater stretchability.

Claim 11 (Original): The film element according to claim 1, wherein the film element (1) is coated on its underside so that it is at least partially self-adhesive.

Claims 12-15: Canceled.

Claim 16 (New): The film element according to claim 7, wherein the film element is coated on its underside so that it is at least partially self-adhesive.